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to the upper supply channel leading from the anicut to the Sholavaram tank, Red Hills Water-supply and Irrigation system. [r]

(xvi) G.O. No. 1610, L. & M., Local Self-Government, dated 11th April 1928, superseding the Municipal Council of Ellore for a period of one year from noon on the 20th April 1928. [s]

(c)

(1) With reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 549 and 711 at the meetings of the Legislative Council held on 25th March and 20th October 1927 respectively, the SECRETARY laid on the table copies of [t] G.O. Mis. No. 1028, Revenue, dated 10th May 1928, regarding the inclusion of lands in the irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta.

(2) With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 1820 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 29th March 1928, the SECRETARY laid on the table copies of the report of [u] the Collector of Ganjam on the reservation of forests in Dharakota estate.

(3) With reference to the answer given to the first part of clause (*c*) of question No. 1770 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 17th March 1928, the SECRETARY laid on the table copies of the report of [v] the Assistant Industrial Engineer, Tanjore, regarding the activities of the Industrial Engineering branch, Tanjore district.

(4) With reference to the answer given to question No. 1610 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th February 1928, the SECRETARY laid on the table copies of the extracts [w] from the statistical registers relating to certain villages in the Tanjore district.

(5) With reference to the answer to question No. 1805 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 29th March 1928, the SECRETARY laid on the table copies of the report [x] on the working of Adi-Dravida co-operative societies in the Malabar district.

(d)

The SECRETARY laid on the table copies of—

(i) the preliminary report on the survey of cottage industries in the Madura, Ramnad, Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly districts [y];

(ii) the statement showing additions and reductions in non-voted appropriations sanctioned by the Government during 1927–28. [z]

IX

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move that, " in order to appoint a House Committee, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 80, this Council do proceed to elect six members to be Members of the said committee according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote."

r Vide Appendix VIII at page 119 infra.
s Vide Appendix IX at page 119 infra.
t Vide Appendix X at pages 119 122 infra.
u Vide Appendix XI at pages 122–123 infra.
v Vide Appendix XII at pages 124–126 infra.
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x Vide Appendix XIII at pages 127–129 infra.
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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I beg to second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that, with reference to Regulation II of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election to the House Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

X

MOTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR CONFERRING WITH THE INDIAN STATUTORY COMMISSION.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" With reference to item (I) on the agenda (election of a committee of the Council for conferring with the Indian Statutory Commission), I wish to state to hon. Members of the Council that, when I received intimation of this motion, I deferred giving my consent and asked the Secretary to include it in the agenda provisionally which has been done. I wish to know the reasons why my consent should be given or why it should be withheld. I want to come to my conclusion after hearing the grounds for and against my consent being given."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I raise a preliminary point of order ? My submission to you is that Standing Order 6 contemplates the issue of an agenda containing the business of the day and that is not a mere formality because it has got two consequences, negative and positive. The negative consequence is that no item not included in the agenda for the day can be transacted without your special consent being given. The inclusion of an item in the agenda for the day gives it the statutory right of being discussed on the floor of this House without your consent having to be obtained for it. If, on the other hand, the business is not included in the agenda, it cannot be transacted in this Council without your consent. That is under Standing Order No. 6, clause (2), which says ' no business not included in the list of business for the day shall be transacted at any sitting without the leave of the President.' Therefore, Sir, it is not a mere formality. The Standing Order confers a statutory right, as it were, on the item of business and it gets the liberty of being discussed without your leave having to be sought for and given. That is distinct from and in addition to the consent which you have to give under Rule 24-A. . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is provisionally included in the agenda. The moment I give my consent, if I give my consent it becomes part of the agenda. Standing Order No. 6, clause (2), clearly says ' no business not included in the list of business for the day shall be transacted at any sitting without the leave of the President.' Therefore, the moment I give my consent, the motion will become part of the agenda."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask for information ? I want to know whether your ruling is that that item is not now an item of business before the House, and that, when you give—if you give—your consent, you will also give your leave as exercising your discretion under clause (2) of the Standing Order ; then only it will become a business before the House : it is not on the agenda now."